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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: 345 TAS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. USAF WOULD LIKE TO RELOCATE THE 345 TACTICAL AIRLIFT

SQUADRON FROM KADENA AB, JAPAN TO YOKOTAAB, JAPAN.

2. REQUEST ADDRESSES NOTIFY AND CONFER WITH APPROPRIATE

GOJ AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THIS MOVE. SPECIFIC DETAILS

AND RATIONALE FOR THE MOVE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A). 345 TAS, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT KADENA AB, COMPRISES  
16 C-130 HERCULES AIRCRAFT AND APPROXIMATELY 500 PERSONNEL.  
THE SQUADRON PROVIDES TACTICAL AIRLIFT CAPABILITY FOR U.S.  
FORCES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC. THE 345 TAS HAS BEEN IN  
ITS PRESENT KADENA LOCATION SINCE DECEMBER 73, AND IS  
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PROGRAMMED TO MOVE TO YOKOTA IN SEPTEMBER 75. BASE

MANNING AT YOKOTA WILL BE ADJUSTED SO THAT ADDITION OF THE 345 TAS WILL RESULT IN ONLY A SMALL INCREASE IN TOTAL BASE POPULATION THAT WILL NOT CHANGE KPCP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS.

(B) MOVEMENT OF THE 345 TAS TO YOKOTA HAS SEVERAL BENEFITS YOKOTA PRESENTLY SERVES AS THE MAIN SUPPORT BASE FOR MAC STRATEGIC AIRLIFT ACTIVITIES IN NE ASIA. MAC HAS RECENTLY

ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL USAF TACTICAL AS WELL AS STRATEGIC AIRLIFT. THEREFORE, BASING THE C-130 SQUADRON AT YOKOTA PROVIDES AN APPROPRIATE AND MORE EFFICIENT INTERFACE BETWEEN STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL AIRLIFT IN NE ASIA. IN ADDITION YOKOTA IS STRATEGICALLY PREFERABLE TO KADENA FOR AIRLIFT. MOVEMENT TO YOKOTA ALSO LOWERS AIRCRAFT DENSITY AT KADENA, REQUIRES NO NEW FACILITIES AT YOKOTA, AND WILL ALLOW DELETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AIRLIFT FACILITIES AT KADENA UNDER JFAP PROGRAM IV.

(FYI. DISCUSSION OF JFAP DELETIONS SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING DETERMINATION OF EXTENT OF TOTAL JFAP CHANGES. END FYI).

3. REPORT GOJ REACTION, AND PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INSURING SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MOVE. SISCO

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